

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 –21 (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing free-radicals from cigarette smoke generated by smoking a cigarette ~~comprises~~ having a filter, said method ~~comprises~~ comprising the steps of passing the cigarette smoke through the filter wherein said filter is impregnated by an extract of a plant from the *Labiatae* family wherein said extract comprises polyphenol compounds or derivatives thereof.

24. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein the plant is rosemary.

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 23 wherein the extract is generated by extraction with is an alcoholic solvent or an aqueous alcoholic solvent.

26. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing free-radicals from cigarette smoke generated ~~comprising~~ by smoking a cigarette having a filter, said method ~~comprises~~ comprising the steps of passing the cigarette smoke through the filter wherein said filter is impregnated by a mixture comprising at least one polyphenol compound or its derivative.

27. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the mixture comprises at least one polyphenol compound or a derivative thereof selected from the group consisting of carnosol, rosmanol, rosmarinic acid, and carnosic acid.

28. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the mixture comprises carnosol, carnosic acid, rosmarinic acid, and rosmanol.

29. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the mixture comprises carnosic acid or carnosol.

30. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the filter comprises from 0.5 g to 0.1 mg of at least one polyphenol compound or its derivative.

31. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the filter comprises 0.01 g of at least one polyphenol compound or its derivative.

32. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the at least one polyphenol or its derivative is coupled to a polymeric carrier or is in a microcapsule matrix or is added to the fibers of a filter.